



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: The  
First, Second, And Third  
Tuesday of each month

Regular Meeting

County Courthouse,  
Bridgeport, CA 93517

August 18, 2009

9:01 AM Meeting called to order by Chairman Reid.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Brian Muir.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**  
**No One Spoke.**

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Bauer:**

- 1) CTC opposition to Lake Mary Road; Department of Transportation will put it off one month, so this issue is still pending.
- 2) I had a weekend long family reunion. Talked to Senator Cox and checked in with the CSAC staff.

**Supervisor Farnetti:**

- 1) Met with the Law Library Board of Trustees. The Law Library budget is \$19,400. Public use of the Library has been 67 total users; 59 in Mammoth Lakes and 8 from Bridgeport. There is a tentative meeting being set up with the Bar Association.
- 2) 7/16: Attended Town County Liaison meeting and discussed Prop 1A, HUTA, Sierra Center Mall, Solid Waste, Civic Center, air service (increased flights), property tax reassessment of Mammoth Mountain.
- 3) 7/29: Attended the Alcohol/Drug advisory meeting. Discussed the new ECHO system which should be operational by October 2009.
- 4) 7/30: Solid Waste Task Force meeting. Discussed gate fee increases, increase of parcel fee in closed session, appointed new members.
- 5) 8/9: Had a family reunion for five days at Yosemite.
- 6) 8/15: Attended County BBQ in Lee Vining.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

- 1) 8/12: Attended the RPAC meeting. Top topic was well water uranium contamination. Discussion followed about which wells may be contaminated, gathering water samples, mitigation, what would the cost be for individuals. Flood Channel update given by Public Works. Restriping County Hill Road could possibly be done in the next 30 days.
- 2) 8/13: Meeting with Dana Stroud, Dave Wilbrecht, Byng Hunt and myself concerning the Whitmore Field project, Cal Trans Veteran Signs. Met with Dave Ornet,

geothermal plant manager. Possibility of an additional plant.

3) 8/14: Held Chalfant office hours.

4) 8/15: Attended the County picnic in Lee Vining.

5) 8/17: Crowley office hours.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

1) 8/12: Attended the First 5 meeting to consider budget. The program is up and running. Attended the meeting regarding the Whitmore facility.

2) 8/15: Attended the County picnic.

**Supervisor Reid:**

1) Meetings with citizens in Antelope regarding Senior Center Coordinator vacancy. Attended the Mono Basin RPAC meeting. Discussed the community center update, emergency exit road, flag pole.

2) Attended Bridgeport RPAC meeting and discussed cemetery policies. We are working with the Mark Twain Post of American Legion to identify some grave sites. Possibility of grant funding for headstones; community is very involved.

3) I have family commitments and cannot attend the RCRC meeting on September 23-25. Supervisor Hunt will check his schedule and possibly attend. Room reservations will be made as they are due by 8/23. Additional discussion followed regarding an alternate attending; further discussion will be at the September 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

- 1) CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (David Wilbrecht).  
Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.

**David Wilbrecht:** absent

**Rita Sherman:** no report given

- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M09-195** Approve minutes from the Regular Meeting held August 4, 2009.

**Action: Hazard/Hunt 4-1 Farnetti: abstained** (absent for afternoon session)

Closed Session: 9:04 a.m. through 9:35 a.m.

Break: 9:35 a.m.

Reconvened: 9:40 a.m.

Break: 10:57 a.m. to 11:07 a.m.

Public Hearing Opened at: 11:28 a.m.- Closed at 11:28 a.m. (Mono County Housing Element Update)

Public Hearing Opened at: 11:43 a.m. – Closed at 11:52 a.m. (June Lakes PUD's Request)

Lunch: 12:03 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:10 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:53 p.m.

## CLOSED SESSION

*There was nothing to report out of closed session.*

## COUNTY COUNSEL

**Additional Departments:** Public Works

- 3a) Closed Session - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: indeterminate.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

- 4a) Labor Negotiations - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): David Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Brian Muir, Ann Gimpel, and Robert Garret. Unrepresented employee(s): Psychiatrist  
**Not discussed.**

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

**Evan Nikirk, Director of Public Works:** Economic Stimulus Package Project: The Bridgeport Park restroom kiosk; Cal Trans has denied project. They do not want to fund restrooms and this project will be 80% restroom. Reid: Possibly heat current restrooms, do minimal painting and upgrading. Bridgeport really needs a public restroom all year long.

Nikirk: Regarding Bodie State Park's Main Street (Green Street) issue that was brought up at the last Board meeting is that it is still legally a County road. Roads going into and thru Bodie are County roads. The Parks Service has related that people just passing thru Bodie and not stopping will not have to pay the fee. Reid: My concern is that the four roads entering Bodie not be closed to the public.

**Mary Booher, Financial Analysis:** The County will be implementing a new policy that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month any new employees will be present for introduction to the Board. New employees introduced were Chris Babula, Don Nunn, Claude Fiddler, Jeff Boylan, Eric Duro.

**Mark Mikulicich, Fire and Rescue Chief:** Working on fire escape secondary route at Mono City. Obvious choice is to Hwy 167 with an already established dirt road. Citizens are still concerned about it being the best route. The RPAC has sent out a questionnaire to get the community's feedback. This will be coming forward to the Board at a later date.

**Brian Muir, Financial Director:** Held a special meeting with the Fire Chiefs yesterday to discuss the investment pool and property taxes. Another meeting is scheduled in January.

## CONSENT AGENDA

All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion

unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.

## **FINANCE**

- 5a) Mono County Investment Policy - Consider approval of Mono County Investment Policy and delegation of authority to the Finance Director to invest funds and sell or exchange securities.

**M09-196**     **Action:** Approve Mono County Investment Policy and delegate authority to the Finance Director to invest funds and sell or exchange securities.  
**Hazard/Hunt 5-0**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

4a)

### **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)**

All items listed are available for review and are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board

### **CLERK-RECORDER**

- 6a) June Lake Nightly and Weekly Rentals - Letter from Thomas and Virginia O'Malley pertaining to rezoning of June Lake property to permit nightly and weekly rentals.

- 6b) Friends of the Inyo - Activities report from Paul McFarland, Executive Director, pertaining to County support of Friends of the Inyo stewardship services on public lands in Mono County from July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009.

**Board acknowledged receiving correspondence.**

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- 7a) Employment Contract (**Robert Garret**) - Consider and potentially adopt proposed resolution approving an employment agreement with Mark Mikulicich as Fire and Rescue Department Chief and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment. Receive staff report.

Garret: Recruited Mark three years ago.

**R09-53**     **Action:** Adopt Resolution R09-53 approving an employment agreement with Mark Mikulicich as Fire and Rescue Department Chief and prescribing the compensation, appointment, and conditions of said employment.

**Hazard/Bauer 5-0**

- 7b) County Position Vacancy Review (**Robert Garret**) - Receive presentation by Robert Garret and Department Heads regarding the

filling of current vacancies and how the Board of Supervisors desires Human Resources to approach filling future vacancies. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Bob Garret: Approximately \$414,000 savings in salaries. Previous deferred list:  
Animal Control Officer-defer  
Community Development, Transportation Analyst-defer  
Public Works, Road Maintenance/Crowley-defer  
Social Services, Employment & Training Officer-defer  
County Counsel, FTS I,II,III-defer  
Senior Citizens Site Coordinator, Walker-defer

Farnetti: I would like to wait until we finalize our budget. Hunt: Also would like to see where we are financially after the budget. I would consider hiring the Walker Senior Center Coordinator. Hazard: We should fill the Walker Site Coordinator and we should continue to hold the rest.

Garret: Currently the Appraiser Operations Manager is being filled. We are recruiting for a Public Safety Officer, Loss Prevention & Special Event Specialist (Union position), FTS for CAO and an Inventory & Purchasing Tech in Public Works.

Bauer: Hold on filling the vacancies. Reid: Defer the four, fill the Senior Center Coordinator. Sherman: The Cook/Bus Driver at Walker is being filled. Zylman: Social Services should be able to fund the Employment Training Worker position, but this can wait until the budget funding. Anita Reeves is handling the Senior Center Coordinator in the interim.

**M09-197**      **Action:** Approve the hiring of a Senior Citizen Site Coordinator in Walker and defer the Animal Control Officer, Transportation Analyst, Road Maintenance/Crowley, Employment & Training Officer and County Counsel's FTS I,II,III.  
**Hunt/Farnetti**      **5-0**

#### **CLERK OF THE BOARD**

7b)      Mono County Superior Court (**Hector Gonzalez, C.E.O.**) - Bob Dennis has retired as C.E.O. of the Mono County Superior Court. Hector Gonzalez is the newly hired C.E.O., and will introduce himself to the Board of Supervisors.

Lynda Roberts gave the introduction of Hector Gonzalez.  
Hector Gonzalez: Introduced himself as the new CEO of Mono County's Superior Court, replacing Bob Dennis. Mr. Gonzalez is from eastern Washington which is also a small community. He assured the Board that the Bridgeport Superior Court will be maintained. He is currently running adds to recruit for a vacant clerk position in Bridgeport. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month the Bridgeport office will be closed to the public. We are also currently recruiting Grand Jury members.

**Action:** None.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

- 9a) Membership Update – Solid Waste Local Task Force (**Matt Carter**) - Receive staff report concerning the composition of the Mono County Solid Waste Local Task Force. Consider and potentially appoint replacements for various members of said body and ratify the remaining membership. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Matt Carter: These are not paid positions and there are no requirements for diversification. Farnetti: We have a good Solid Waste Task Force and I would like to be reappointed.

- M09-198** **Action:** Appoint the following members to the 2009 Solid Waste Local Task Force: Tom Farnetti, Matt Carter, Joleen Guddat, Michael Grossblatt, Kevin Brown, Michelle Erwin, Brian Robinette, Rebecca Paranick-Poiset, Lisa Isaacs. Alternates: Darrol Brown, Evan Nikirk, Jeff Walters, Louis Molina.  
**Hunt/Hazard 5-0**

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION**

**Additional Departments:** Housing Authority

- 10a) **PUBLIC HEARING:** Mono County Housing Element Update (**Scott Burns and Larry Johnston**) - Conduct public hearing regarding proposed 2009 Update to the Housing Element of the Mono County General Plan. Receive staff report. Provide any desired direction to staff.  
11:07 a.m. Scott Burns: State mandated requirement is to update Housing Element every 5 years. Last update was in 2004. Update process includes Mammoth Lakes Housing and the RPAC's. I reviewed this draft with the Board last month and the changes are the green highlighted sections. I am asking the Board to approve and authorize staff to make minor changes that have just been received from the state. Inventory of available housing sites has been included due to state requirements. There are also a few policy changes concerning time frames. We have been mandated to clarify where emergency shelters are allowed and also clarify reasonable accommodations (handicapped).

**Public Hearing Opened at 11:28 a.m.**

No One Spoke.

**Public Hearing Closed at 11:28 a.m.**

- R09-54** **Action:** Adopt Resolution R09-54 that: (1) Adopts a 2009 addendum to General Plan EIR certified November 14, 2000; (2) Finds that the Housing Element Update is consistent with the Mono County General Plan; (3) Approve and adopt the 2009 Housing Element Update to the Mono County General Plan; and (4) authorizes staff to make minor adjustments to the Housing Element Update that may be necessary to

respond to state Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) comments, provided that such adjustments are consistent with the Mono County General Plan.

**Bauer/Hunt 5-0**

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- 11a) State Budget (**Board Members**) - The Board of Supervisors may discuss issues pertaining to the California State budget.

Brian Muir: We are still waiting for better information from the State. No additional information concerning closure of State Parks. Some counties are very concerned about their cash flow. There are a lot of bad situations in counties. Reid: Cal Trans' furloughs are the first three Fridays of every month. How can the state be so inflexible concerning public safety. This will have an impact on the winter tourist communities. I would like to have Cal Trans and the CHP make a presentation to the Board concerning this issue. Board Clerk will add this request to an upcoming Board meeting.

**Action:** No action taken at this time.

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**Additional Departments:** County Counsel

- 12a) **PUBLIC HEARING:** June Lake PUD's Request to make Mono County Code Chapter 7.36 Applicable within its Boundaries (**Louis Molina, Environmental Health Director**) – Public hearing on the June Lake Public Utilities District's (PUD) request that the Board render Chapter 7.36 of the Mono County Code applicable within the PUD's jurisdictional boundaries.

11:30 a.m.

Alan Berrey, Assistant County Counsel: The June Lake PUD is in full compliance of regulations.

Louis Molina, Director Environmental Health: We do not regulate June Lake PUD. I only see reports that come from the state. All reports I have seen are in compliance.

**Public Hearing Opened: 11:43 a.m.**

Mindy Pohlman, General Manager, June Lake Public Utilities District: We currently have a bid out to drill a test well. If this produces what is needed we will apply for Inyo National Forest permits. Clean Water Act non compliance issue has been resolved. She stated that all Mosquito Abatement communities have been issued a violation; we are now in compliance.

**Public Hearing Closed: 11:52 a.m.**

- R09-55 Action:** Adopt resolution R09-55 rendering the provisions of Chapter 7.36 applicable within the PUD's jurisdictional boundaries (i.e., to make the June Lake PUD a "designated public water system" under Chapter 7.36). June Lake PUD is in compliance with all federal, state, and Mono County laws and regulations.



**Bauer/Farnetti 5-0**

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

- 13a)** Temporary Closure of Bridgeport Marina for Clamper Activities (**Joe Blanchard**) - Receive staff report regarding a request from the Bodie chapter of E.Clampus Vitus to temporarily close the Bridgeport Marina picnic grounds on September 12 for a private function. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Jeff Walters, Assistant Public Works Director: The Clampers are going to install a monument at the front of Ken's Sporting Goods in Bridgeport. Approximately 200 people will be attending. They have applied for the required County Special Permits to hold their event at the Marina.

- M09-199** **Action:** Authorize Public Works to temporarily close the Bridgeport Marina picnic grounds to the public from 6 pm on Friday, September 11 through 8 am on Sunday, September 13 for a private function of the Bodie chapter of E. Clampus Vitus.

**Bauer/Hunt 5-0**

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## **COUNTY COUNSEL**

**Additional Departments:** Economic Development

- 14a)** Conway Ranch Update (**John Frederickson, Raven Angeles, and Justin Long**) – Receive presentation by representatives of Inland Aquaculture Group (IAG) and the Conway Ranch Foundation regarding current activities on Conway Ranch and conceptual ideas for future use of the property.

Dan Lyster, Director of Economic Development: Tim Alpers, Inland Aquaculture, cannot be present due to upcoming surgery.

Justin Long: Updated the Board on activities at the Conway Ranch fishery. The next phase will be raising our own eggs. Proposing a barn for incubation, raising fingerlings. Power Point presentation included Mono County & Inland Aquaculture Group shared vision, Mission Statement and proposed barn specs. Discussion followed regarding the construction of proposed barn.

Marshall Rudolph: The Granting Agencies that we used to acquire the Conway Ranch are an issue concerning the construction of any proposed improvements. Conway Ranch was purchased with grants from 3 or 4 different agencies. I would suggest approaching the granting agencies. There also is an option of buying out the Grants. The Conway Ranch Foundation is asking the Board for your thoughts and no action is necessary today.

Frederickson: I would like to see the grantors get together with us and discuss what they would allow.

Farnetti: I feel the barn building really fits in and is the next step. I would like to see us contact the granting agencies and what the cost of the buy-out option would be.



Hunt: I would like to push forward and start additional proceedings.

Hazard: We have refined our thinking on the Conway Ranch and now we are seeing the fine details. We now have a vision and this building sets a development tone. I would like to see a master plan for the facility. What would the granting agencies allow us to do in the future.

Bauer: I suggest we start off with a support letter from the Board and look at funding opportunities.

Reid: I would like to see a summit meeting including the Granting Agencies, the County's CAO, the Conway Ranch Foundation, Environmental Development and the Board. You need to put together a vision plan for 5, 10, 15 years that could be presented at this meeting. I would like you to consider giving a presentation to Mono City RPAC and the Mono Lake Committee for their information.

Hazard: Are we doing any efforts in preserving the current buildings?

Lyster: We are working with BLM and the National Preservation Society.

Rudolph: I recommend a resolution from the Board to accompany your letter of support.

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m. to reconvene in a Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m. with a tour of Camp Antelope and then at the Walker Community Center at 6:00 p.m.

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